

**Speakers, Speakers Pro Tempore, Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the
Louisiana House of Representatives: 1972 - Oct. 7, 2008
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Speaker of the House

Term	Name	Race	Gender
1972-1980	E.L. "Bubba" Henry	W	M
1980-1984	John J. Hainkel, Jr.	W	M
1984-1988	John A. Alario, Jr.	W	M
1988-1992	Jimmy N. Dimos	W	M
1992-1996	John A. Alario, Jr.	W	M
1996-2000	Huntington B. "Hunt" Downer, Jr.	W	M
2000-2004	Charles W. "Charlie" DeWitt, Jr.	W	M
2004-2008	Joe R. Salter	W	M
2008-Present	James R. "Jim" Tucker	W	M

Speaker Pro Tempore

1972-1980	Kenneth J. Leithman	W	M
1980-1982	Frank P. Simoneaux	W	M
1982-1984	Raymond J. Laborde	W	M
1984-1988	Joseph A. "Joe" Delpit	B	M
1988-1992	Huntington B. "Hunt" Downer, Jr.	W	M
1992-1996	Sherman N. Copelin, Jr.	B	M
1996-2004	Charles Emile "Peppi" Bruneau, Jr.	W	M
2004 - Jan. 2005	Sharon Weston Broome (resigned, 2005)	B	F
Jan. 2005 -2008	Yvonne Dorsey	B	F
2008-Present	Karen Carter Peterson	B	F

House Standing Committees*

Administration of Criminal Justice - Chair

1972-1975 *Judiciary C	Ben Bagert, Jr.	W	M
1976-1980	Charles Grisbaum, Jr.	W	M

1981-1983	Loy F. Weaver	W	M
1984-1987	Bruce M. Bolin	W	M
1988-1991	Ralph R. Miller	W	M
1992-1995	Raymond J. "LaLa" Lalonde	W	M
1996-1999	Stephen J. Windhorst	W	M
2000-2008	Daniel R. Martiny	W	M
2008-Present	Ernest D. Wooton	W	M

Administration of Criminal Justice - Vice-Chair

1972-1975 *Judiciary C	T.A. Casey	W	M
1976-1978	R. Harmon Drew (resigned 1978)	W	M
1978	Bruce M. Bolin	W	M
1979-1984	Richard Turnley, Jr.	B	M
1984-1987	Thomas "Bud" Brady	W	M
1988-1995	Donald Ray Kennard	W	M
1996-1999	Audrey A. McCain	W	F
2000-2008	Alex M. Heaton	W	M
2008-Present	Damon J. Baldone	W	M

Agriculture - Chair

1972-1976	Lantz Womack	W	M
1976-1984	James P. Martin	W	M
1984-1991	Francis C. Thompson	W	M
1992-1999	R.H. "Bill" Strain	W	M
2000-2008	Francis C. Thompson	W	M
2008-Present	John F. "Andy" Anders	W	M

Agriculture - Vice-Chair

1972-1976	Warren J. Simon	W	M
1976-1980	Louis Dischler, Jr.	W	M
1980-1984	Richard S. Thompson	W	M
1984-1987	Julius A. Blount	W	M

1988-1991	John Siracusa	W	M
1992-1995	Noble Edward Ellington	W	M
1996-2008	Herman Ray Hill	W	M
2008-Present	Harold L. Ritchie	W	M

Appropriations - Chair

1972-1973	Robert J. Munson (resigned 1973)	W	M
1974-1985	Kevin P. Reilly	W	M
1986-1987	Raymond J. Laborde	W	M
1988-1991	Robert Roy Adley	W	M
1992-1995	Elias “Bo” Ackal, Jr.	W	M
1996-2003	Jerry Luke LeBlanc	W	M
2004-2008	John A. Alario, Jr.	W	M
2008-Present	James R. Fannin	W	M

Appropriations - Vice-Chair

1972-1976	Conway Lebleu	W	M
1976-1980	Eddie A. Doucet	W	M
1980-1984	Michael F. Thompson	W	M
1984-1987	Eddie A. Doucet	W	M
1988	Elias “Bo” Ackal, Jr.	W	M
1989-1991	Edward Cecil Scogin	W	M
1992-1995	Frank J. Patti	W	M
1996-2008	Warren J. Triche, Jr.	W	M
2008-Present	Eddie J. Lambert	W	M

Appropriations, Business Development Subcommittee⁴ - Chair

2008-Present	Gary L. Smith, Jr.	W	M
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Appropriations, Education Subcommittee⁴ - Chair

2008-Present	Eddie J. Lambert	W	M
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Appropriations, General Government Subcommittee⁴ - Chair

2008-Present	Brett F. Geymann	W	M
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Appropriations, Health and Human Services Subcommittee⁴ - Chair

2008-Present	Thomas H. McVea	W	M
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Appropriations, Infrastructure and Resources Subcommittee⁴ - Chair

2008-Present	James "Jim" Morris	W	M
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Appropriations, Public Safety and Corrections Subcommittee⁴ - Chair

2008-Present	Elbert L. Guillory	B	M
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Civil Law and Procedure - Chair

1972-1975 *Judiciary A	J.S. Casey	W	M
1976-1979	Sam A. LeBlanc, III	W	M
1980-1984	E. Clark Gaudin	W	M
1984-1990	Robert P. "Bobby" Waddell	W	M
1991	C. Allen Bradley, Jr.	W	M
1992	Wilford Dan Carter	B	M
1993-1995	W. James Singleton	B	M
1996-Oct. 2001	F. Charles McMains, Jr.	W	M
Oct. 2001-2003	Ronnie Johns	W	M
2004-2008	Glenn B. Ansardi	W	M
2008-Present	Timothy G. "Tim" Burns	W	M

Civil Law and Procedure - Vice-Chair

1972-1975 *Judiciary A	John J. Hainkel, Jr.	W	M
1976-1979	Allen R. Bares	W	M
1980-1984	Jimmy N. Dimos	W	M
1984-1987	Huntington B. "Hunt" Downer, Jr.	W	M
1988-1990	James J. Donelon	W	M
1991-1995	Glenn Ansardi	W	M
1996-1999	Kyle M. Green	B	M
2000-2003	Michael A. "Mike" Walsworth	W	M
2004-2008	Ronald S. "Ronnie" Johns	W	M
2008-Present	Nicholas Lorusso	B	M

Commerce - Chair

1972-1980	Harry M. Hollins	W	M
1980-1984	Ben Bagert, Jr.	W	M
1984-1987	Ronald James “Ron” Gomez, Sr.	W	M
1988-1990	John C. Ensminger	W	M
1991	C. Dale Sittig	W	M
1992-2000	John D. Travis	W	M
2001-2008	Gillis James “Gil” Pinac	W	M
2008-Present	Jeffery "Jeff" J. Arnold	W	M

Commerce - Vice-Chair

1972-1976	Emery L. Villar	W	M
1976-1984	John C. Ensminger	W	M
1984-1987	John C. “Juba” Diez	W	M
1988-1990	C. Dale Sittig	W	M
1991	James J. Donelon	W	M
1992	Irma Muse Dixon	B	F
1993-1995	Edwin Rene Murray	B	M
1996-1999	Matthew Peter “Pete” Schneider III	W	M
2000	Gillis James “Gil” Pinac	W	M
2001-2006	Jean M. Doerge	W	F
2007-2008	Gary L. Smith, Jr.	W	M
2008-Present	Wayne Waddell	W	M

Education - Chair

1972-1976	H. Lawrence Gibbs, Jr.	W	M
1976-1991	Jimmy D. Long	W	M
1992-1995	Johnny C. McFerren	W	M
1996-Oct. 1997	Roy L. Brun	W	M
Oct. 1997-1999	Charles R. McDonald	W	M
2000-2008	Carl N. Crane	W	M

2008-Sept. 2008	Donald M. Trahan	W	M
Oct. 2008- Present	Austin Badon	B	M

Education - Vice- Chair

1972 - 1976	Jimmy D. Long	W	M
1976-1980	Jesse C. Deen	W	M
1980-1984	Benjamin F. Oneal	W	M
1984-1987	Johnny C. McFerren	W	M
1988	Kathleen Babineaux Blanco	W	F
1989-May 1991	Joe R. Salter	W	M
1992-1995	Naomi White Warren Farve	B	F
1996-Oct. 1997	Charles R . McDonald	W	M
Oct. 1997-1999	Carl N. Crane	W	M
2000-2004	Charles Irvin Hudson	B	M
2004-2008	Avon R. Honey	B	M
2008-Oct. 2008	Austin Badon	B	M
Oct. 2008-Present	Frank A. Hoffmann	W	M

Environment^{1,5} - Chairman

1996	Gerald Joseph Theunissen (resigned)	W	M
July 1996-2008	Nuncio Joseph “N.J.” Damico	W	M

Environment^{1,5} - Vice-Chair

1996	Nuncio Joseph “N.J.” Damico	W	M
1997-1999	Daniel R. Martiny	W	M
2000-2003	Anthony Richard “Tony” Perkins	W	M
2004-2008	Ernest Wooton	W	M

Health and Welfare - Chair

1972-1975	Dorothy Mae Taylor	B	F
1976-1979	Alphonse Jackson, Jr.	B	M
1980-1983	George C. Connor, Jr.	B	M
1984-1991	Alphonse Jackson, Jr.	B	M

1992-1995	Jerry A. Thomas	W	M
1996-2002	Rodney M. Alexander	W	M
2003-2008	Sydney Mae Durand	W	F
2008-Present	Kay Katz	W	F

Health and Welfare - Vice - Chair

1972-1975	J. Richard "Dickie" Breau	W	M
1976-1979	Jessie J. Guidry	W	M
1980-1983	Louis "Woody" Jenkins	W	M
1984-1987	Mary L. Landrieu	W	F
1988-1991	Garey James Forster	W	M
1992-1995	Avery C. Alexander	B	M
1996-1999	Charles A. Riddle III	W	M
2000	Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson	B	F
2001-2005	Yvonne J. Dorsey	B	F
2005-2008	Michael L. Jackson	B	M
2008-Oct. 2008	John LaBruzzo	W	M
Oct. 2008-Present	Rickey L. Nowlin	W	M

House and Governmental Affairs - Chair

1972-1980	Vernon J. Gregson	W	M
1980-1984	John W. "Jock" Scott	W	M
1984-1987	Joseph Accardo, Jr.	W	M
1988-1991	Charles Emile "Peppi" Bruneau, Jr.	W	M
1992-1995	Joseph Accardo, Jr.	W	M
1996-2008	Charles D. Lancaster, Jr.	W	M
2008-Present	Richard J. "Rick" Gallot, Jr.	B	M

House and Governmental Affairs - Vice-Chair

1972-1980	Walter O. Bigby	W	M
1980-1984	Jerry Luke Leblanc	W	M
1984-1987	Avery C. Alexander	B	M

1988-1991	Joseph Accardo, Jr.	W	M
1992-1995	Dennis Paul Hebert	W	M
1996-1999	Willie Hunter, Jr.	B	M
2000	Cynthia Willard-Lewis	B	F
2001-2003	Kyle M. Green	B	M
2004-2008	Richard J. "Rick" Gallot, Jr.	B	M
2008-Present	M.J. "Mert" Smiley, Jr.	W	M

Insurance² - Chair

1992-1995	Theodore M. "Ted" Haik, Jr.	W	M
1996-Oct. 2001	James J. Donelon	W	M
Oct. 2001- Mar. 2004	Troy "T.H." Hebert	W	M
Mar. 2004 - 2008	Karen R. Carter Peterson	B	F
2008-Present	Chuck Kleckley	W	M

Insurance² - Vice-Chair

1992-1995	James J. Donelon	W	M
1996-2003	Glenn Ansardi	W	M
2004-2005	Michael L. Jackson	B	M
2005-2006	T. Taylor Townsend	W	M
2006-2008	Rick L. Farrar	W	M
2008-Present	Thomas H. "Tom" McVea	W	M

Judiciary - Chair

1972-1975 *Judiciary B	Richard P. Guidry	W	M
1976-1979	George B. Holstead	W	M
1980-1984	Bruce M. Bolin	W	M
1984-1987	Salvador L. "Sal" Diesi	W	M
1988-1991	W. James Singleton	B	M
1992-2008	Joseph F. Toomy	W	M
2008-Present	Cedric Richmond	B	M

Judiciary - Vice-Chair

1972-1975 *Judiciary B	Lawrence Sheridan	W	M
1976-1979	Kenneth J. Leithman	W	M
1980	William H. Byrnes	W	M
1981-1982	Edward J. "Joe" Bleich (resigned 1983)	W	M
1983	Salvador L. "Sal" Diesi	W	M
1984-1986	J. Burton "Burt" Andrepont	W	M
1987	Ralph R. Miller	W	M
1988-1991	John C. "Juba" Diez	W	M
1992-1995	John Siracusa	W	M
1996	Daniel R. Martiny	W	M
1997-2002	Jay Bowen McCallum	W	M
May 2002-2008	Robert J. "Robby" Carter	W	M
2008-Present	Neil Abramson	W	M

Labor and Industrial Relations - Chair

1972-1974	Robert L. "Bobby" Freeman	W	M
1975-1980	Edward J. D'Gerolamo	W	M
1980-1984	Louis Charbonnet, III	B	M
1984-1987	Dennis Paul Hebert	W	M
1988-1991	Louis "Woody" Jenkins	W	M
1992-1995	Charles Ray Anding	W	M
1996-Oct. 1997	Garey James Forster	W	M
Oct. 1997-1999	Charles W. "Charlie" DeWitt, Jr.	W	M
2000-2003	Elcie Joseph Guillory	B	M
2004-2008	Willie Hunter, Jr.	B	M
2008-Present	Avon Honey	B	M

Labor and Industrial Relations - Vice-Chair

1972-1973	Kevin P. Reilly	W	M
1974-1979	Louis Charbonnet, III	W	M

1980-1984	Dennis P. Hebert	W	M
1984-1986	Johnny Jackson, Jr.	B	M
1987	Charles D. Jones	B	M
1988-1991	Raymond A. Jetson	B	M
1992-1995	Buster J. Guzzardo, Sr.	W	M
1996-1999	Elcie Joseph Guillory	B	M
2000-2003	Steve Joseph Scalise	W	M
2004-2008	Monica A. Walker	W	F
2008-Present	Erich E. Ponti	W	M

Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs - Chair

1972-1976	Edward F. LeBreton, Jr.	W	M
1976-1980	Ralph R. Miller	W	M
1980-1984	Louis Dischler, Jr.	W	M
1984-1987	Diana E. Bajoie	B	F
1988-1995	Arthur Anthony Morrell	B	M
1996-2003	Sharon Weston Broome	B	F
2004-2008	Ernest Baylor, Jr.	B	M
2008-Present	Jean-Paul "J.P." Morrell	B	M

Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs - Vice-Chair

1972-1975	Ralph R. Miller	W	M
1976-1979	deLesseps S. "Toni" Morrison	W	M
1980-1984	Joseph A. "Joe" Delpit	B	M
1984-1985	Jon D. Johnson	B	M
1986-1987	Jewel J. Newman	B	M
1988-1990	Michael L. McCleary	W	M
1991	Joseph Francis Toomy	W	M
1992-1995	Rene Gill Pratt	B	F
1996-1999	Wilfred T. Pierre	B	M

2000-2003	Ernest Baylor, Jr.	B	M
Mar. 2004-2008	Clara G. Baudoin	W	F
2008-Present	Regina Barrow	B	F

Natural Resources - Chair

1972	J. Burton Angelle	W	M
1973-1975	Morris Lottinger, Jr.	W	M
1976-1979	Wilbert J. "Billy" Tauzin, II	W	M
1980	Jesse J. Guidry	W	M
1981-1983	Arthur W. "Art" Sour, Jr.	W	M
1984-1987	Clyde Walker Kimball	W	M
1988-1990	Bruce M. Bolin	W	M
1991	Randall Edmund Roach	W	M
1992-1995	Sam H. Theriot	W	M
1996-1999	John R. Smith	W	M
2000-2008	Wilfred T. Pierre	B	M
2008-Present	Gordon Dove	W	M

Natural Resources - Vice-Chair

1972	Morris Lottinger, Jr.	W	M
1973-1980	J. Chris Ullo	W	M
1981	Arthur W. "Art" Sour, Jr.	W	M
1982	John N. John, III	W	M
1984-1987	J. Chris Ullo	W	M
1988-1991	Sam H. Theriot	W	M
1992-1995	Charles W. "Charlie" Dewitt, Jr.	W	M
1996-2008	Jack D. Smith	W	M
2008-Present	Karen Gaudet St. Germain	W	F

Retirement - Chair

1972-1984	Shady R. Wall	W	M
1984-1987	Lawrence A. "Buster" Sheridan	W	M

1988-1990	Vincent J. Bella	W	M
1991-1995	Michael L. McCleary	W	M
1996-1999	Victor T. “Vic” Stelly	W	M
2000-2008	Matthew Peter “Pete” Schneider, III	W	M
2008-Present	Joel C. Robideaux	W	M

Retirement - Vice-Chair

1972-1975	Claude "Buddy" Leach, Jr.	W	M
1976-1984	Lawrence A. "Buster" Sheridan	W	M
1984-1987	Jesse C. Deen	W	M
1988-1991	Arthur W. “Art” Sour, Jr.	W	M
1992-1995	Thomas R. “Tommy” Warner	W	M
1996-1999	Pinkie Carolyn Wilkerson	B	F
2000-2008	Israel B. Curtis	B	M
2008-Present	Jean M. Doerge	W	F

Transportation - Chair

1972-1976	J.C. "Sonny" Gilbert	W	M
1976-1980	Joe Henry Cooper	W	M
1980-1986	Richard Hugh Baker	W	M
1987	R.H. “Bill” Strain	W	M
1988-1991	Quentin D. Dastugue	W	M
1992-1995	Raymond A. Jetson	B	M
1996-2003	John C. “Juba” Diez	W	M
2004-2007	Roy J. Quezaire, Jr.	B	M
2008-Present	Nita Rusich Hutter	W	F

Transportation - Vice-Chair

1972-1976	Joe Henry Cooper	W	M
1976-1980	Richard Hugh Baker	W	M
1980-1986	R.H. “Bill” Strain	W	M
1987	Alan R. “Al” Ater	W	M

1988-1991	R.H. "Bill" Strain	W	M
1992-1995	John C. "Juba" Diez	W	M
1996-1999	Mitchell R. Theriot	W	M
2000	Reggie Paul Dupre	W	M
2001-2003	Roy J. Quezaire, Jr.	B	M
2004-2006	William B. Daniel, IV	W	M
Apr. 2007-Present	Hollis Downs	W	M

Ways and Means - Chair

1972-1975	Risley C. "Pappy" Triche	W	M
1975-1977	Claude "Buddy" Leach, Jr.	W	M
1978-1983	John A. Alario, Jr.	W	M
1984-1987	Claude "Buddy" Leach, Jr.	W	M
1988-1989	Ronald James "Ron" Gomez, Sr.	W	M
1990-1991	Raymond J. Laborde	W	M
1992-1995	Steve Joseph Theriot	W	M
1996-1999	John A. Alario, Jr.	W	M
2000-2006	Bryant O. Hammett, Jr.	W	M
2006-2008	T. Taylor Townsend	W	M
2008-Present	Hunter Green	W	M

Ways and Means - Vice-Chair

1972-1976	Edward H. Booker	W	M
1976-1978	John A. Alario, Jr.	W	M
1979 ³			
1980-1983	Charles Emile "Peppi" Bruneau, Jr.	W	M
1984-1987	Margaret Welsh Lowenthal	W	F
1988-1991	Charles D. Lancaster, Jr.	W	M
1992-1995	Sean Eugene Reilly	W	M
1996-1999	Joel Thomas Chaisson II	W	M

2000-2002	Sydnie Mae Durand	W	F
2003-2004	Kenneth Louis Odinet, Sr.	W	M
2004-2008	Carla Blanchard Dartez	W	F
2008-Present	Jane Smith	W	F

1. Environment Committee was created by H.R. 1 in 1996 E.S.
2. Insurance Committee was created by H.R. 2 in 1992 E.S.
3. There was no information available for the Vice Chair of Ways and Means for 1979 via David Poynter Library 1979 Roster nor from Rep. Bruneau.
4. Appropriations Subcommittees (Business Development, Education, General Government, Health and Human Services, Infrastructure and Resources, Public Safety and Corrections) created by H.R. 1 in the 2008 Organizations Session.
5. Environment Committee was merged with the Natural Resources Committee by H.R. 1 in the 2008 Organizational Session.